The Middletown Transcript.

VOL. XXIX.—NO. 4. MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1896. PRICE, 3 CENTS

You will know a real helpful farm and garden and fruit paper when you see it. Let us send you

The Rural New-Yorker

this week. If you have a rod of ground it will help you make good use of it. Send your address for free sample copy.

THE RURAL NEW-YORKER, New York.

THE NEW

Clothing Store

AT WILMINGTON

Is an object of interest to all thrifty buyers of

The Good Philadelphia Made Clothing.

1. All Clothing sold by us is made by us.
2. The dealer's profit is thereby saved.
3. This saving is at least 30 per cent.
4. Prices are exactly as in Philadelphia.

We are the Largest Makers of Clothing in the World, employing over 3400 workpeople. Could we be Largest, if not Best and Cheapest?

N. Snellenburg & Co.

PHILADELPHIA

LARGEST CLOTHIERS AND FURNISHERS IN THE WORLD

Market and Seventh Sts,

WILMINGTON

SNELLENBURG'S G.P.M.C. OTHERS 30 PHILA MADE CLOTHING

$7.50 SUITS
$10 OVERCOATS

We keep hammering on these Wonderul Prices. The goods behind them are the kind we sell which are different from the "cheap" goods with which the market is flooded. Boys' Suits, $3.50 and upward. Boys' Overcoats $3.50 and upward. The right pricesin Hats, Shoes, and Dress Details of every yind.

JACOB REED'S SONS,

Chestnut St.-916-918-920-922

PHILADELPHIA.

The Philadelphia Press

For 1896.

Pennsylvania's greatest Republican family newspaper, The Philadelphia Press, will enter upon the new year under the most favorable conditions of its history.

A powerful agent in the national community, it is now more than ever a leader in news and able comment.

Its various departments have during the past year been greatly strengthened.

Pennsylvania is covered county by county, city by city, town by town. No other newspaper covers the State so well.

The Woman's Page of The Press has become one of its most prominent features and is eagerly sought by ladies.

In the matter of Amateur Sports The Press is also far in the lead and publishes more news on that subject than any other paper in the country.

The subscription price of The Press, per year, is: Daily, six dollars; Daily and Sunday, eight dollars; Weekly, one dollar.

The Press is the greatest want medium in Philadelphia and gives the lowest rates on that class of advertising.

The Transcript, $1 a year.

LIME—FARM MANURES.

When Lime May Be Advantageously Applied—Manuring Grass Lands.

Lime may be applied advantageously on grass land in the fall, or on wheat land after it is plowed and before it is fully fitted. If the land is already full of vegetable matter, it is probable that the lime will do great good. Forty bushels was considered a fair dressing in former years, but now 10 to 20 bushels per acre is considered the most economical application. Buy stone or unslaked lime, place it in small piles of about five bushels each at regular intervals over the field, and cover slightly with earth, allowing the rain and the moisture which rises from below to slake it. If it is applied to the wheat land, and there is not enough moisture, then water may be drawn and poured upon the heaps. Immediately after this is done, cover lightly with earth, so that the air may not so easily get to the lime. Spread broadcast from a sled or stone boat if no convenient machine is at hand, advises Country Gentleman, authority also for the following:

A good practice is to manure during the winter on grass land intended for corn the following spring. Five to ten tons of good manure evenly spread over the ground would be the most economical dressing. Usually farm manures are spread poorly and too thickly. The corn to be followed with oats, without any fertilizers or manures. Oat stubbles to be plowed and treated to the same quantity of manure as the corn ground before harrowing. It is usually economy to add some mineral matter in the shape of commercial fertilizers. It is seldom necessary to add nitrogen. Color and growth of the plant should indicate very accurately whether there is a deficiency of nitrogen or not in the soil.

Professor Comstock says that there is no evidence that manuring grass lands tends to multiply grasshoppers. Their eggs are so thoroughly protected that they seldom fail to hatch, but if the weather is cold and rainy when the grasshoppers are young vast numbers of them are destroyed. A short rotation is likely to prevent them from multiplying. It may be just possible that heavy manuring retards the hatching of the eggs, and so the young grasshoppers appear late in the season, when it is likely to be dryer and warmer, than at an earlier period.

The lime and manure should be put on simultaneously—that is, if lime is found to be very beneficial a light dressing might be applied with every dressing of manure. Only by experimenting can it be determined how often liming will be profitable. The chances are that ten bushels per acre, applied with about an equal number of loads of manure every other year, would produce very satisfactory results, or the liming might be only once in the course—that is, every four or five years. Lime, strictly speaking, is not a manure. It is almost always beneficial on both clay and sandy lands, but whether the benefit will equal the cost can only be determined by trial. It usually acts very energetically on heavy lands full of vegetable matter, making them more friable and setting free large quantities of plant food, which before the application were dormant.

Don't

send your money to the city when you want Letterheads, Billheads, Envelopes, Cards, Tags, Wedding Invitations, Circulars, Posters or other work. We will do it for you just as cheap as you can get it done out of the county and will do as good work—in most cases better.

Middletown Transcript,

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

THE WASHINGTON

Weekly POST

Is just the paper you have been looking for. By special arrangements we offer it and the

MIDDLETOWN Transcript ONE YEAR FOR ...$1.25...

to all new subscribers or old subscribers renewing and paying in advance for a year or part of the year.

The Weekly Post

is an eight page seven column paper published in Washington, D. C., the Tuesday morning of each week. In politics it is a strictly non-partisan independent newspaper advocating only such legislation as is manifestly in the interest of a majority of the people. In addition to fresh daily news from all over the world, the *Post* offers special features in its widely known editorial department, interesting fiction, and items of interest to the farmer. Full market reports, etc.

Come into our office or drop a postal to the *Post* and get a sample copy.

The *Weekly Post* is 50 cents a year.

Read the Transcript.

Purely Plantonic

"Love! Friendship! It does seem so absurd to me that a friendship cannot exist between a man and a woman without considerations of love, matrimony and all that nonsense being introduced."

The speaker was a tall, handsome girl, with the physical beauty and grace of figure which athletic exercise has bestowed upon the typical end-of the century maiden, and though Florence Masters could be soft, and even sympathetic upon occasion, it was only within her own family circle that she indulged in—as she termed them—these weaknesses.

Her companions were two men in boating flannels, both good looking, but in totally different ways, for while Captain Charles Courtney was dark, with his olive skin bronzed by service in India, Edwin Norton was fair, of the pure Anglo-Saxon type.

"If you are alluding to platonic friendships, Miss Masters," answered Captain Courtney, "I am sorry to say that I cannot agree with you."

"But why should friendship, and friendship alone, be more impossible between a man and a woman than between two men or two women?" inquired Florence, impatiently.

"I think you are quite right, Miss Masters," obsered Norton. "Presuming that their dispositions are similar, that they have the same tastes and inclinations, I don't see why a man and a girl should not be as good chums as two fellows."

"Simply because it is impossible," replied Courtney. "It is contrary to nature, and can never endure."

"But I can assure you that I have known cases of the purest platonic friendship between girls and men," persisted Florence.

"No doubt," answered Courtney. "So have I, but how long did they last?"

"Why should they not last as long as friendships between men?"

"Because one of three things is bound to happen," answered Courtney. "Either the man falls in love with the girl, or the girl falls in love with the man, or else she becomes offended because he does not pay her that tribute of admiration which every properly constituted woman naturally expects from a man who seeks her society in preference to that of other people."

"Oh, that's all nonsense, Captain Courtney!" exclaimed Florence, impetuously. "Take Mr. Norton and myself for instance. Do you mean to say that we could not go out every day together rowing or bicycling, or have a set at tennis or a game of golf without one of us, falling in love,' as you call it?"

"If you are meeting every day, Miss Masters," replied Courtney, "I should consider it a very dangerous experiment. In fact, I should call it playing with fire."

"Upon my word, Charlie," exclaimed Norton. "I am surprised at a man of your experience talking so ridiculously! Surely you must have known many instances of such friendships, both in India and on the voyage out and home."

"Yes, I have," replied Courtney, significantly. "And I also know how they invaribly ended."

"Look here, Mr. Norton!" exclaimed Florence. 'Let you and I form a platform alliance, and show this stubborn skeptic that we can practise what we preach."

"Wish all the pleasure in life!" cried Norton.

But Courtney gave a somewhat cynical smile, as he noticed that his friend was not quite as enthusiastic in his reply as he might have been.

"That is a bargain, then," said Florence; "and now, is it not time we returned to our boat?"

The above conversation took place in the early summer, and for the next two or three months Florence and Norton were inseparable. The latter was an eligible party, both socially and financially, so that Mr. Masters made no objection to the young man calling at his house every day, and attending his daughter on various boating and cycling expeditions. The autumn was well advanced, when one day Courtney and Norton happened to meet up in town, when the latter said:

"Oh, I'm glad I saw you! Florence told me to ask you to come down to a bazaar arrangement, which she is setting up for next week."

"Oh, has it got as far as Christian names?" asked Courtney, raising his eyebrows and ignoring the invitation.

"Why not?" said Norton. "I call Charlie; why should not I call her Florence?"

"No reason in the world so far as I am concerned, old boy," answered Courtney. "But take my advice, and remember the fable of the moth and candle."

"You're so fond of measuring other people's corn by your own bushel," rejoined Norton, a trifle irritably. "Anyhow, if I burn my wings, it won't be Flor—Miss Master's fault."

"Time will show, dear youth; time will show," answered Courtney, with his satirical smile. "But I'll tell you honestly I shall expect to be best man."

"Something upset you in town yesterday, Ned," remarked Florence as Norton helped her to mount her cycle the next morning. "What was it?"

"Only that cynical wretch, Courtney was the reply. "He is a regular Diogenes, and ought to be shut up in a butfor the remainder of his natural existence."

"Oh, do you think so?" replied Florence. "I like Captain Courtney immensely. "There is no frivolity or nonsense about him; he always says what he means."

"Yes, and too plainly sometimes," observed Norton, a little bitterly. "As a matter of fact, I don't think he is a good companion for any young girl, and I wish you wouldn't encourage him quite so much.

"Encourage him?" repeated Florence, with the slightest possible touch of hauteur in her voice. "What do you mean?"

"Why at the Dawsons' ball the other evening you danced twice running with him, and then let him take you out to supper——"

"And why? Because you were so busily engaged with Laura Lifferton that you forgot to come and fetch me as you had arranged."

"My dear Florence," remonstrated Norton, "that was a misunderstanding, I can assureyou. As I explained to you before, I have no recollection of having made any arrangement with you as to suppe:" —

"Oh, well, don't let us quarrel about it," interrupted Florence. "Let us change the conversation. What did Captain Courtney say to upset you today?"

"Oh, he was chaffing me about our friendship."

"Yes?" inquired Florence eagerly. "And what did you say?"

"Oh, I told him that if I burnt my wings it wouldn't be your fault!" replied Norton almost savagely.

Florence gave him a quick side glance, and then, after a moment's hesitation, observed: "That was a somewhat silly remark to make, wasn't it? It might lead him to think that our alliance was not such a success as it undoubtedly is."

"I don't think so," answered Norton. "I gave him to understand that we had not altered our opinions in the least."

"Oh that's all right, then! By the by, I hope you did not forget to invite him down for the bazaar?"

"Oh, no, I didn't forget! And that reminds me—did you think of asking little Laura to help?"

"Whom do you mean? The Lifferton girl? I have not asked her yet, for, to tell you the truth, I don't much care for her. She lacks stability;—and—well, to put it mildly, she's somewhat too flighty for my taste."

"Oh, I hope you'll have her!" pleaded Norton. "She's a jolly little girl, and always full of——"

"If you want her to come so particularly," interrupted Florence, "I'll write to her directly we get back. And—er—er—I think we had better be turning now; it looks as though it were going to rain."

The bazaar in question was one of those innocent conspiracies between the parson and the ladies whereby certain masculine creatures whose laziness on Sunday morning prevents them from offering their alms and oblations, are wheedled, persuaded and cajoled into assisting in the restoration of the spire or some other equally necessary and laudable object.

On the eventful day the school room where stalls had been fitted up was a perfect picture; what with pretty girls, charming dresses and lovely flowers, the effect upon the more youthful bachelors was bewildering, and the sale of fancy articles, at still more fancy prices, went on apace.

Captain Courtney was standing near the door, watching Florence and Norton, and there is great deal of truth in the old adage that "Lookers on see most of the game," especially when the game is love.

Strolling toward Norton, Courtney said: "Ned, can I have two minutes, conversation with you—quietly?"

"Yes, dear boy, certainly," replied Norton. "Come this way. Now, what is it?"

"Excuse me for puttin: the question plainly to you," commenced Courtney, "but when two people's happiness depends upon the answer one may be pardoned for a little bluntness. I want to know what your position is with regard to Miss Masters."

"My position?" repeated Norton, first flushing up his eyebrows and then turning deathly pale; "I—I—I—don't quite understand what you mean!"

"Why, is that platonic arrangement that you made in the summer still in existence, or are you something nearer and dearer than mere friends? Forgive me for catechising you in this way, but you know me well enough to be aware that I should never take such a liberty out of mere curiosity. I am sure I need say no more; you will understand me and appreciate my motive when I inquire whether you are engaged to Miss Masters, or if your feeling is still purely platonic."

Norton gasped two or three times like a fish out of water, and then he managed to ejaculate:

"Purely platonic."

Courtney shook his limp hand and shook it effusely, and then with a happy smile on his countenance he made his way towards Florence, and he never left her all day.

For the best part of an hour Norton watched them from the further end of the room, eating out his heart in the solitude of a crowd. Then, as though moved by a sudden resolutions, he walked over to where Laura Lifferton was holding a little court of her own, under the pretence of selling buttons, and soon became the gayest of the gay.

"How happy Norton seems to be!" observed Courtney presently.

"Indeed! I thought just now that he appeared rather dull," replied Florence; and then as she looked over in the direction indicated, she observed him worshipping at the shrine of the fair Laura, and apparently as happy as the day was long.

"Do you think it's a match?" continued Courtney.

"I have not heard of anything of the kind," answered Florence coldly.

"They would make an excellent pair, wound't they?"

"Do you think so?" responded Florence, evidently speaking with an effort. "I shouldn't consider them at all suited."

STORY TWO.

"Oh! wouldn't you?" said Courtney. "At anyrate, they seem to understand one another." And then, with a significant smile, he added. "There is evidently no platonic arrangement existing between them."

During the afternoon Mr. Masters, Florence's father, came up to the stall at which the young lady was officiating, and, after greeting Courtney added: Of course you dine with us tonight? By the bye, Florence, I'm going to run away with the carriage. I'll send it back for you in time if I can; but if not, you will be able to find some one who will put you down at the lodge."

"My dog cart is here, *Mr. Masters*," said Courtney, "and if Miss Masters will allow me I shall be delighted to drive her home."

So it was settled, and the afternoon dragged its weary length along—for two people there, at all events—as though every minute were an hour. At last the end arrived, most of the stall keepers had gone and the porch was in semi-darkness.

Courtney's dog cart was just outside and he was about to help Florence up into when Norton suddenly appeared the scene. Pushing past Courtney he approached the young lady and said: "My trap is just here, Florence—come with me!"

"Papa has arranged that I should go with Captain Courtney," answered Florence, making a move toward the dog cart as she spoke.

"Courtney won't mind, I am sure," replied Norton. "Will you, old fellow?"

"Well, that depends," answered Courtney slowly. "If it is to be a purely platonic expedition, why, Miss Masters may just as well come with me; but if——"

"Oh, hang Plato!" interrupted Norton hastily. Florence, dear Florence come with me!"

A struggle was evidently taking place within the young lady's bosom—a struggle between love and pride—but love won; and with a deprecatory smile at Courtney, she allowed Norton to help her into his cart, and a fewmoments later they dissappeared in the dusk.

It is impossible to say with any certainty what passed between those young people during that eventful drive, for they both declare that they do not remember. Anyhow, they must have gone the longest way round for when they arrived at the lodge, flushed and happy, Courtney had been waiting some little time for them, and as Norton passed him, he whispered: 'You shall be the best man, old boy."

Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute.

This widely celebrated institution, located at Buffalo, N. Y., is organized with a full staff of experienced and skilful Physicians and Surgeons, constituting the most complete organization of medical and surgical skill in America, for the treatment of all chronic diseases, whether requiring medical or surgical means for their cure. Marvelous success has been achieved in the cure of all nasal, throat and lung diseases, liver and kidney diseases, diseases of the digestive organs, bladder diseases peculiar to women, blood-taints and skin diseases, rheumatism, neuralgia, nevous debility, paralysis, epilepsy (fits) and kindred affections. Thousands are cured at their homes through correspondence. The cure of the worst ruptures, pile tumors, varicocele, hydrocele, and strictures is guaranteed, with only a short residence at the institution. Send 10 cents in stamps for the Invalid's Guide Book (168 pages), which gives all particulars. Address, World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

Tired Husband—"I've had a terrible day at the office and I'm mad clear through."

Wife—"Now would be a good time for you to beat those rugs."

For Over Fifty Years.

An Old and well tried remedy.—Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers or their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pains, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. Is pleasant to the taste. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. 25 cents a bottle. Its value is incalcuable. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and get no other kind.

The girl who stole over her mother's sleeying form to elope with her young man is a wife worth having. If she could do that the ought to be able to get out and kindle a fire and get breakfast without waking her sleeping spouse.

Scrofula lurks in the blood of nearly every one, but Hood's Sarsaparilla drives it from the system and makes pure blood.

Washington .....Letter

SENATOR Davis, of Minn., has received many congratulations for the vigorous American which stands up in every line of the Monroe doctrine resolution which has been reported to the Senate from the committee on Foreign Relations. The resolution was written by Senator Davis, he having been appointed a subcommittee of one to perform that duty, and the resolution itself furnishes the best evidence that the task could not have been put in better hands. There are a few timid men in Congress, mostly Democrats, who are a little bit afraid that the resolution goes to far, especially that portion of it which declares the United States to be the sole judge when it comes to determining the question of infringement of the Monroe doctrine, but Congress is practically unanimously in favor of the assertions contained in the resolution, and there is no doubt that the resolution will be adopted by both Senate and House, and that even the timid individuals referred to will record their votes in it's favor when put to the test.

—

There is practically no change as to the status of the House tariff bill which is tied up in the Senate Finance Committee. Something may develop at this week's regular meeting of the Committee that will result in getting the bill reported to the Senate in some shape, although there is nothing certain about it.

—

Rumors of an intended special Cuban message from Mr. Cleveland to Congress have been floating around for several days, but no definite information on the subject can be obtained either at the White House or the State Department. Meanwhile there is considerable adverse comment heard upon the slowness of Secretary Olney in furnishing the Cuban information called for by a resolution adopted by the House several weeks ago. It is not at all evident what he is waiting for, except to delay favorable action of Congress towards the Cubans, which might follow his answer.

—

Ex-Secretary Noble, of President Harrison's cabinet, who isin Washington in connection with the Commission charged with selecting the site and design for the Sherman equestrian statue that is to be erected, has been pumped energetically by the newspaper men for information as to Gen. Harrison's intention towards the Presidential nomition, but if he knows anything he kept it to himself. The following remarks made to one newspaper man is in substance what the Ex-Secretary said to all: "I am out of politics. I have no idea about these matters. Whoever is nominated by the Republican Convention will be elected. The Democrats haven't one chance in a million to win, it doesn't matter what kind of a platform they promulgate or who they nominate."

—

The General Pension Appropriation bill was passed by the House just fifty days earlier in the session than the same bill passed either of the last two Democratic Houses. Several of the proposed amendments to the bill were ruled out under points of order raised by a Democrat, but they will all be covered by the Pickler Pension bill, which is now in the hands of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, but which will soon be reported to the House and passed by that body. The Pickler Bill has been approved by the Legislative Committee of the G. A. R.

—

Senator Butler, of N. C., has lost the benefit of the good impression his appearance made when he entered the Senate. The reason is the same that has killed so many other promising men in both branches of Congress he talks when he has nothing to say, just for the pleasure of hearing his own voice.

—

Democrats openly that their committee broke the old custom of the party in power holding its National Convention first solely with the hope that the Republicans will make some mistake in their candidate or platform which the Democrats by holding their convention several weeks later will be able to profit by. This merely shows the desperate straits to which the poor old Cleveland-ridden Democratic party is reduced. Within less than six month of the holding of their National Convention they have no idea what they intend doing, further than to take advantage of any loophole that may be left by the Republican platform, to put forward some sort of a plea that may bamboozle the voters. But the impression is widely abroad that the bamboozling of voters by a Democratic platform will never again be successful. It was done once too often. This bit of cowardice is strikingly characteristic of the Democratic party as well as in striking contrast with the record of the Republican party under similar circumstances. During its long control of government the Republican partynever failed once to hold its National Convention first. But, the Republican party has always known where it stood upon every great question, and has never attempted to straddle questions or to make platforms which may be constructed to mean anything or nothing according to the construer. Which makes quite a difference.

UNITING COLONIES OF BEES.

An Expert's Plan For Uniting Weak Colonies In the Fall.

It often happens that some of the colonies are too weak in numbers, and the remedy is to unite two or more colonies in one hive. There are many plans for uniting bees, but G. M. Doolittle, a successful New York apiarian, prefers the following for fall use. He says in The American Bee Journal:

In the first place, the queens in a part of the colonies are to be taken away and disposed of in some way, either by selling or destroying them. Having the queens disposed of, wait three days to a week, so the colonies may realize their queenlessness, for some cool, cloudy day, when it is a few degrees colder than the bees desire to fly in, when you will find the bees all clustered compactly, something the way they are in winter. When taking the queens away, take all the combs from the hive but three, unless the colony is too large, leaving only those which contain the most honey. The combs left are to be spread apart from three-fourths to an inch, setting them out two or three inches from the sides of the hive, so that the bees may all be clustered on these combs instead of hanging to the sides or any part of the hive. The hive which is to receive these bees and combs is to be also prepared beforehand by taking away all the combs but three or four, those left being the ones having the most honey in them, said combs being placed close to one side of the hive.

When the day arrives, light the smoker and put on your bee veil. Now go to the hive having the queen and uncover it, giving the bees a little smoke to keep them quiet, and leaving the hive open so that you can set the other frames right in without any hindrance. Next go to one of those you took the queen from, blowing smoke in at the entrance quite freely while uncovering the hive. Blow a few puffs of smoke around the combs and over them, when the smoker is to be set down and the front fingers placed between the first two frames near their ends, the large fingers between the second and last frames, while the third and little fingers are placed beyond the third frame. Now close up with the thumbs and all of the fingers, thus lifting the frames and cluster of bees all out of the hive at once, when they are to be carried to the open hive where they are to stay and set down in it all together close up to the frames of bees that are in this hive. Go back and get the smoker, and blow smoke enough on the bees to keep them down, when you can arrange the frames, division board and hive, as you like, without very many, if any, bees flying.

Should a few bees stick to the hive you took the frames out of, bring the hive to the one having the united colony in it, and brush them out on top of the frames, as they will be pretty well chilled by this time. In doing this you will have to smoke those in the united colony pretty well, or many will fly at you, for these partly chilled bees will throw their poison out on their stings so that the scent of it will anger the bees of that colony that are in the united hive. If you fixed all as it should be when taking the queen away and preparing for uniting and smoked the bees as told, there will be only now and then one that will require this last operation, as all will be snugly clustered on the combs. Close the hive as soon as you have things fixed to suit you, when everything is to be removed from the stand of the colony that was united with the other. Some bees will fly or hover over the old spot where home was, but not finding it will return to the united colony, having marked their new location enough on flying out to know where to go, seeing the old home is not found.

k In Making Change.

...arious incident occurred in a Paris restaurant the other day. A high official, happening to be in the Montmartre district about dinner time, walked into a restaurant frequented much by foreigners, and took his dinner there, his bill amounting to 8 francs. When calling the waiter to pay for his meal, he handed him a 20 franc goldpiece, which the waiter put into his mouth, as is the custom of the Paris waiters. Making change, he only gave him 2 francs. The gentleman looked up and said: "Beg your pardon, I want 12 francs and not 2 francs." "Excuse me, sir," said the waiter. "You gave me a 10 franc piece. See?" And therewith he took from between his lips a smaller gold coin, showing it to the gentleman. The official, considerably wrought up for being taken for a fool, without any warning gave the waiter such a slap in the face that the 20 franc piece given him fell out of his mouth and rolled across the room." The gentleman got his change, and purposely forgot to tip the waiter, who had received quite a setback by the "striking" argument of the guest.—Paris Letter.

Finding a Verdict.

A Texas paper says that in one of the earliest trials before a colored jury in Texas the 12 gentlemen were told by the judge to "retire and find the verdict." They went into the jury room, whence the opening and shutting of doors and other sounds of unusual commotion were frequently heard. At last the jury came back into court, when the foreman announced: "We hab looked ever'whar, judge, for dat verdict—in de drawers and behind de doahs, but it ain't nowhere in dat room."

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

The Middletown Transcript

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 25, 1896

MAILS CLOSE.

Going north, 7.38, a. m., 10.15 a. m., 4.09 p. m.
Going south, 8.55 a. m., 4.56 p. m. 5.51 Lock Pouch to Wilmington and Philadelphia. For Odessa, 9.10, 10.45 a. m., and 6.00 p. m. For Warwick, Cecilton, Earleville and Sassafras, 9.10 a. m.

THE CHURCHES IN MIDDETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 6.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

NOTICE.

If you receive a copy of this paper which you did not order, consider it an invitation to subscribe. If you do not want it, kindly hand it to a neighbor. No charges is made for it unless ordered.

Local News.

—The barge, Julian S. Taylor, has arrived at Ft. Delaware with a cargo of lumber.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural Implements on hand.

—Rain was never more welcome in a midsummer drought than on Thursday when a gentle down-pour came, and continued until yesterday.

—The New Century Club of Wilmington celebrated its eighth anniversary on Wednesday and the occasion was a very enjoyable event in which over two hundred bright women participated.

—It is getting to be quite the thing to graduate and get a position through the recommendation of that fine school. Goldey's Wilmington, (Del.,) Commercial and Short Hand College. Get a Catalogue.

—John and Elizabeth Baiely, an aged couple living on a farm near Bandy wine Springs, died within a few hours of each other last Saturday. He was 88 and his wife 74. Death was caused from a severe cold contracted a few days before.

Governor Watson has appointed the following Board of State Medical Examiners: Homœopathic—Dr. A. E. Frantz, of Wilmington, and Dr. E. S. Anderson, of Dover; Allopathic—Dr. T. W. Cooper, of Camden, and Dr. I. S. Vallandigham of Middletown.

—The Deer Park hotel in Newark, has been purchased by Milton Steele of New Holland, Pa., from John E. Lewis, the former owner, for $22,500. It is one of the oldest hotel sites in the state, a tavern known as St. Patrick's Inn having stood there in 1755.

—The Legislative Committee, composed of Senators Records and Harrington and Representatives Jolls, Morgan and Flemming met in Dover on Tuesday, and organized by electing Senator Records Chairman Joseph C. Jolls, Clerk and John Prendeville, Sergeant at arms.

—The team belonging to the Creamery ran away on Monday causing a smash-up of the wagon and harness. As the horses, running at full speed turned the corner at the National hotel, the wagon was upset and the horses broke loose and ran home, at Mr. Talbot's, near town.

—The suit brought by Minnick to force Mrs. Merritt to execute a deed for the Merritt House, in Wilmington, for the sale of which she was alleged to have made an agreement, has been satisfactorily ended, Mrs. Merritt paying a consideration to be released from the agreement to sell.

—At a special meeting of the Levy Court it was decided to build a causeway 9000 feet long St over Augustine Marsh, near Port Penn. The contract has been given to Patrick Neary, of Wilmington, for $13,000; the work which will begin next week will provide work for the citizens of Port Penn.

—Walter D. Jefferson, of "Uncle Josh" fame, who, assisted by local talent, gave that popular play in Middletown, Smyrna and Dover, several years ago, is arranging two plays to be given in Smyrna on Friday Jan. 31, for the benefit of the base ball fund. "A Bunch of Keys" and "The Bells of Shanon" are the plays to be rendered.

—Sheriff Gillis sold the Daniel Dunning property on Monday, the purchaser being Geo. W. Lockwood, executor for Dr. J. V. Crawford, for $2,000, which is considerably less than the claim against it. The Sheriff also sold the Dr. H. L Clayton property, in Odessa, at the same time to Dr. W. V. Woods, of Philadelphia, mortgagee, for $1,825.

—The railroad company has reduced the pay of the flagman, Thomas Murray, at the depot by cutting off two working hours. Where he formerly went on duty at 5:30 he is now not required to report until 7:30, remaining until the evening train down, making 12 hours instead of 14, and $1.32 a day instead of $1.54. It is well that the public should know this as many vehicles cross the track before 7:30 in the morning. Mr. Murray is a careful watchman, having served the railroad company and the public faithfully for many years, and he is ever at his post. The fact of his not being on duty at the early hours as heretofore is due entirely to the change made by the company.

—The entertainment given in the Opera House, Tuesday evening, under the direction of the Ladies Mite Society of Forest Presbyterian Church was a success both in a literary and a financial sense. The program rendered by the Smith Brothers, of Philadelphia, elocutionists and musicians, was very fine. The rendering of old airs on sleigh bells was novel and unique, "The Cricket Song," being especially pleasing. "Abide with Me" rendered on the Swiss bells was also a very pleasing number. The recitations and impersonatsons were all fine, and the audience, which, considering the inclement weather, was a large one, was highly entertained. The second part of the program was no less pleasing than the first, and when supper was announced, the number and capacity of the patrons was very gratifying to the ladies. The tables were beautifully set and those who presided were only rivalled in their charms only by the culinary attractions they offered over her board. The total amount cleared was $80.

—Edwin A. Reed, Deputy Recorder of Deeds has been appointed notary public by Gov. Watson to succeed the late Thomas Griffin.

—The lock on the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal at St. Georges will be closed in a few days for repairs. Freight sent by the Ericcson line of steamer will be transferred from one steamer to another across the lock. The repairs may occupy a week or two.

—The Volunteer Hose Company of Middletown will give its "Ninth Annual" at its house on Tuesday evening, January 28th. The editor of the TRANSCRIPT acknowledges an inviation to "sit down at 9.30," and he learned when a boy to obey orders with open eyes, and ears and mouth—upon occasion.

—On Monday the Delaware Construction Company will begin the work of building for the Federal Government the stone dyke at Liston's Point, below Port Penn. Four lights will be put in service and 500 tons of stone will be used daily. The cost of the dyke will be $128,000 and the contract calls for the completion of the work within seven months.

—The grand officers visited Damon Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias on Wednesday evening and installed the following officers: W. S. Letherbury, C. C; J. T. Baily, V. C.; J. A. Suydam, M. of W.; J. C. Jolls, K. of R. and S; Garrett Ellis, M. of F. L. B. Lee, M. of E. Harry Lightcap, Prelate; G. N. Dickson, M. at A.; T. M. Swartz, O. G. and G. W. Price, I. G. A banquet was served after adjournment in the parlor at the Hose House.

—Joseph Freeman, a farmer living a few miles from Wilmington, was instantly killed by the cars on Sunday afternoon. He was driving home in a close carriage, having been to take his daughters who had spent the day with him, to Wilmington, where they live, and it is supposed he did not see the approaching train until it was upon him. The track crossed the road a few yards from his home. The horses escaped uninjured.

The Legislative Committee consisting of Senators Records and Harrington, and Representatives Jolls, Morgan and Fleming, met in Dover on Tuesday to audit the claims of the clerks of General Assembly, the Auditor's accounts and such claims as properly come before them. Senator Records was made chairman, Joseph C. Jolls, of Middletown, clerk, and John Prendeville, of Concord, seargant at arms The committee was in session three days and adjourned over until next Tuesday to complete some unfinished business.

—The farmers and fruit growers of this community will have an opportunity on Tuesday next to hear a lecture on Fruit and Nut Culture by one of the best informed men in the country on those specialties. Prof. Van Deman will lecture in the town hall, Odessa, on the 28th inst. at 1:30 P. M. upon these interesting subjects. For years Prof. VanDeman was connected with the Agricultural Department, Washington, being the chief of the Division of Pomology, and he is conversant with the subjects. He has traveled extensively and will answer any inquiries as to the suitability of different varieties of fruit and nuts to our soil and climate. He should have a large audience. The meeting will be under the Institute management.

—On Saturday last the pay roll at the shirt factory was $3,715.21. This is a bi-weekly payment and at that rate aggregates nearly a hundred thousand dollars a year. The work has been gradually increasing at the factory and the demand is always for more employes. Those already employed are becoming more expert and the output of the factory and the pay roll are gradually growing larger. The benefit of the factory to the town cannot be overestimated. It is admirably managed and no better investment was ever made in Middletown. The town needs an enterprise that will employ as many men, or twice as many would be better, and every avenue of business would feel the beneficial results, as it now feels the benefits from the one factory that we have. Its pay roll last year footed up the snug sum, of $53,307.55. This is over an average of a thousand dollars a week, the greater part of this money being spent in our midst. Why not double for the men of the town?

The King's Daughters.

What a beautiful name and how appropriate to the objects of the society, the ministering angels of peace and mercy and charity! Daughters of the King! How many are the homes they brighten, the hopes they raise, the encouragements they give! In many places their bands are small in numbers, as are too many associations everywhere whose missions are to do good, but in hopes and results, in the aggregate good accomplished, only the great future can reveal the fullness of the work.

The King's Daughters of Middletown gave a very pleasant entertainment in the Parish Building on Tuesday evening to a crowded house and appreciative audience. The young ladies are as well pleased with the results as their friends were with their entertainment. They requested that their appreciation shall be expressed through the TRANSCRIPT for the interest manifested and the attendance. They netted $22.00.

The entertainment consisted of music, recitations, a minor drama—"Six Cups of Chocolate," a "flower concert," and a shadowy pantomime. The "horrid man" figured in the drama and the "cruel father" in the pantomime. Our reporter did not learn whether or no these are degenerate sons of the same family, but he is of opinion that among so many lovely daughters their reformation must be accomplished. May every success attend them.

Thomas Griffin:

Deputy Sheriff, Thomas Griffin, died at the residence of ex-Sheriff, Philip R. Clark, in Wilmington, where he made his home, on last Sunday, after a lingering illness. He was 76 years old, and had filled the office Deputy Sheriff for over 40 years, regardless of partisan politics. Everybody who had business at the Sheriff's office knew "Uncle Tommy" as he was affectionately called by his associates, and his knowledge of every detail in the office made him invaluable: his place is found hard to fill. He was unmarried and gave his whole time to business.

Chicken Salad and Roast Duck to-day at Booth's. Hot peanuts always ready.

Kelley's $4.50 For $2.50.

30 DAYS SPECIAL.—For 30 days only, we offer you the following bargain lot of strictly pure and standard goods: 5 quart bottles pure California wines (sherry port, catawba, blackberry and Rhine), one quart bottle pure rye whiskey, (five years old) and one bottle extra quality champagne, and the whole lot, 7 bottles, goes for $2.50, the honest market value of which is $4.50 No other house can give you so much value for your money, as the one and only reliable: Family Liquor Store of James A. Kelley, S. W. Cor. Tenth and Shipley Sts. Wilmington, Del.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: James H. Harission, Mrs. Anna Jones, William Lockmon and Thornton Turner care of E. R. Pearce.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Miss Laura Willits is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

—Mrs. A. G. Cox has returned home from a visit to friends in New Jersey.

—Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Eliason returned to their home in Baltimore on Monday.

—Miss Lula Quaile, of Auburn, Pa., is visiting the family of Post Master Moor.

—Dr. W. V. Woods, of Philadelphia, formerly of Odessa, was in town on Monday.

—Miss Belle M. Joyce, of near Chesapeake City, is the guest of Mrs. J. B. Foard

—Dr. H. Vaughan spent several days his week with relatives and friends in Sussex county.

—Daniel Burton, Esq., of Millsboro, called to see us yesterday, being on his way home from a trip to Atlantic City.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Naudain and children, of Baltimore, are visiting at her father's, Mr. William Houston, in town.

—Miss Frazier and Miss Alrich, of Virginia, were entertained by William McMullen, at his home near Port Penn, this week.

—Dr. S. M. Pool, of Pittsburg, Pa. is visiting at his father's Mr. Z. A. Pool' near McDonough, pending the nuptial event soon to come off in the family.

—Miss Louise Davis, of Milford, joined the Misses Davis, of Mil ford, on Saturday in their visit with the Misses Wilson on West Main street. Miss Elizabeth Davis has returned to Milford.

—Prof. DeKeller Stamey spends Saturday and Sunday with his wife who is with her parents in Chester county. Mrs. Stamey is improving some from her severe illness but the improvement is very slow.

—Mrs. Jane Schrietz who has been visiting her son, Mr. Leslie Schrietz in town, and her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Rhoades, in Odessa, for some time, has returned to her home with her daughter, Mrs. John Clendaniels, near Chestertown, Md.

—Messes. J. C. and Reese Parker have been in New York this week attending the National Cycle Exhibit. Mr. Parker saw much to interest him in the bicycle business and while there he secured the State agency for the Remington, the Fulton, and the Bellis Cycles, and the local agency for the Crescent. He thinks these wheels are the best of their class.

CHURCH CHIMES.

Rev. R. H. Adams will preach in the M. E. Church on Wednesday evening of next week.

Rev. R. H. Adams preached to a very large congregation at the M. E. revival meetings on Wednesday evening.

Rev. I. L. Wood will have a service in the M. E. Church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, for men only, to which all men are cordially invited.

Evangelist Galloway is assisting Rev. J. W. Easley in an enthusiastic revival meeting in progress at the Centreville M. E. Church. Twenty conversions were reported one night this week.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Forest Presbyterian Church meets every Sunday eve, Jan. 26th, "How and why we should testify for Christ." This will be the monthly consecration service and it will be led by the President, Miss Elizabeth Hall.

The Covenant M. E. Church in Philadelphia has released Rev. W. L. S. Murray, D. D., from the call to serve that charge as pastor next year and he has accepted the invitation to become St. Paul's pastor in Wilmington, subject to the approval of the Conference.

Revival meetings in the M. E. Church have been in progress during the past four weeks, with gratifying results. There have been over twenty conversions, and the meetings are growing in interest, large congregation in attendance every night, and the pastor, Rev. I. L. Wood is rejoicing in seeing the work of the Lord prospering in his hand.

Don't forget J. Frank Brinkerhoff, eye specialist from Philadelphia, will again be at Mrs. Massey's Jewelry store, in Middletown, on Tuesday, Feb. 4th.

Public Sales.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20th—Stock and Farm implements on road leading from Reybold's Station to Delaware City, by S. D. Townsend. A. I. Swan auctioneer.

THURSDAY, Feb. 13th—Stock and farming implements on the farm of James Vandegrift at McDonough by Wilmer Austin; D. P. Huchinson Aucctioneer.

TUESDAY, Feb. 18th—Entire Stock and farming implements on the McWhorter farm one and a half miles from St. Georges, by Samuel Austin; D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, Feb, 27—Entire Stock and farming implements on Dr Ashcraft's farm near Salem Church by William Collins; D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY FEB. 27.—Stock and farming implements on the Willits farm, near Mt Pleasant, by Joshua Clayton, Jr.

MONDAY, FEB. 3.—Stock and farming implements, household and kitchen furniture, by C. E. Flintham, on his farm near Sandy Branch Creamery, D. P. Hutchinson, auctioneer.

WANTED.—A good man to carry on truck farm; reference required. Apply to Walter Monro, Blackbird, Del.

MY MARYLAND.

Frank J. Townsend, an old and prominent business man of Pokomoke City, is dead, aged 76 years.

The large oyster house in Cambridge occupied by Malford Phillips was burned to the ground at an early hour Sunday morning. Loss about $1,000, covered by insurance.

John F. Harper, State's Attorney elect for Queen Anne's county, took the oath of office before Judge Stump at Elkton Saturday. Mr. Harper is a resident of Centreville.

Mr. John W. Cantwell, of Elkton, father, of Rev. R. Day Cantwell of Bethel, died at his home on Wednesday, of pneumonia, in his fiftf-fifth year. He was for many years a well known and prosperous business man of Elkton, and a veteran of the late war.

James H. Truss was given a preliminary hearing at Elkton, on Wednesday, on the charge of murdering Capt. Camp, at Chesapeake, Jan. 2. Albert Constable Jr. is counsel for the defendant, who is held to await the action of the Grand Jury at the March term of Circuit Court. Truss, who had claimed he could prove an alibi, did not place a witness on the stand.

The ahising of a flag by the Jr. O. U. A. M., of Chesapeake City, over School No. 2, at St. Augustine on Thursday, was witnessed by a large crowd. Rev. H. A. G Westerfield presented the flag, which G. W. Kibler accepted and made an addrets in behalf of the school. Willie Berry and Griffith Ellison raised the flag. The scholars sang "America," and Miss Lydia Berry recited "Barbara Frietchie."—*Appeal*,

WILLIAM S. MOOR.

Leaves have their time to fall
And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,
But all,—thou hast all
Seasons for thine own, Oh Death.

Last week the sudden death of a prominent citizen in the full vigor of mature manhood was chronicled in these columns. This week it is our mournful duty to pay a last tribute to the memory of one who has passed into the chambers of death in the spring time of life, while the dews of early morning were yet undried along his way.

William S. Moor, elder son of Post Master Wm. H. Moor, died at his home in this town at ten o'clock Saturday night, of consumption, from which dread malady he had been a sufferer for about a year, but was only confined to his room a few days. He was known to be in failing health, and during the several months past, as he was seen passing along the streets, there was every indication of a rapid decline; but the end came at last at an unexpected hour. He was at all times bright and cheerful, and though never free from the consciousness of pain, he was patient and uncomplaining and when he knew that life on earth was near its close, he gave most positive expression of having found peace with God, and whether he lived or died it was well with him. Only one week before he died by his own request, his name was given to the church as a member on probation, it being his desire to be identified with the visible church militant before joining the church triumphant.

He was born June 3. 1872, in this town, where, with the exception of about two years, he spent his entire life. As a boy he was always kind, and though of a rather quiet and undemonstrative temperment, he was thoughtful and considerate of others, and his devotion to his home was one of his most marked characteristics. He grew to manhood with the record of a clean life, free from the blemishes of sin and vice and in all his walk in and out among his young associates, he was always marked as an upright young man of spotless integrity.

He had a very refined and artistic taste, and having made Photography his chosen profession, was very successful in that art.

When his father was appointed Post Master here he became his Assistant, which position he filled until a few months ago.

His funeral from his late residence on North Broad Street, on Wednesday, was largely attended. His pastor, assisted by Rev. R. H. Adams, Dr. W. L. S. Murray and Rev. F. H. Moore, officiating. The interment was in the family lot in the M. E. Cemetery, and he was buried after the rites of the Jr. Order United American Mechanics of which patriotic order he was a member. There were a number of beautiful floral offerings from the Order, the Epworth League, his Sunday School class and many friends. The bearers were: Curtis B. Holten, Dr. H. L. Clayton, Geo. Echenhofer Jr. W. C. Eliason, E. S. Jones and Harry Johnson.

ODESSA NOTES.

Mrs. R. J. Mailly is spending the week in Wilmington.

Miss Neal Townsend is teaching school near Delaware City.

Mr. Edward Jester, of Wilmington, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. F.T. Perry and wife spent a few days with friends near town.

Miss Ida M. Lord has returned from a visit to Maryland friends.

Rev. R. I. Watkins of Cecilton spent Monday with Mr. L. V. Aspril.

Mr. C. W. Lloyd, who has been very ill, we are pleased to report, is much better.

Mr. T. C. Enos of Havre de Grace spent Wednesday with his father, Mr. J. H. Enos

The revival meetings at the M. E. Church continue to be very well attended and a great deal of interest is being manifested.

Rev. E. P. Roberts was unable to attend church Tuesday evening owing to a severe cold. In his absence Mr. Joseph A. Rhoades conducted the meeting.

The funeral of Miss Ann E. Batton, who died on Sunday last, took place Tuesday afternoon from the residence of her brother in-law, Mr. S. M. Enos, and was largely attended by her many friends from this town and vicinity.

Prof. Van Deman, the well known Pomologist who for many years was in the employ of the U. S. Government, will lecture in the Odessa Opera House on Tuesday Jan. 28 at 1.30 P. M. His subject will be the raising of fruits and nuts under various conditions. The lecturer is well and favorably known and an interesting hour is promised all who avail themselves of the opportunity to hear him. All are cordially invited.

IN KENT COUNTY.

George M. Jones has been elected president of the Dover Board of Education to succeed the late N. B. Smithers.

Several cases of scarlet fever are being treated in Smyrna. The Board of Health has taken precautions to prevent the spread of the disease.

A 70 foot flag pole is being erected in the Dover public school yard by Cæsar Rodney Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. The flag will probably be unfurled Saturday, February 1st, with appropriate exercises.

Sheriff L. S. Shaw recently sold the following real estate: The 65 acre farm of J. F. Jones situated in West Dover hundred, to James H. Hughes, attorney, for $1,000; the dwelling of S. B. Cooper in Cheswold, to Joseph Smithers for $1526; the dwelling of Jefferson Cooper in Cheswold, to R. R. Kenney and John Moore for $1,032, 50; house and lot of Cooper Brothers in Cheswold, to R. R. Kenney and Samuel Bacon for $337 50; small storehouse and lot 16x16 feet, of Cooper Brothers in Cheswold, to R. R. Kenney for $212,50.

The Window of the Soul.

The eye has been called the "Window of the Soul" It is the principal organ of expression; an index of character. It indicates ignorance or intelligence. It is not the person that attracts you; it is the eye. If I can see your eyes I can tell whether you are pleased or angry, happy or sad. It is more complicated and delicate in its structure than that of any other organ. It follows therefore that it is peculiarly liable to derangement; even the slightest departure from its normal shape, either as the ball, cornea or crystilline lens manifests itself in an impairment of sight and consequent discomfort. Happily, however, we have a complete remedy for every phase of imperfect vision, not dependent upon disease, in properly ground and adjusted glasses, the right selection of which can only be made by a competent specialist after a thorough and careful scientific examination. No one has had more experience in this direction than J. Frank Brinkerhoff the eye specialist of Philadelphia who will again be Mrs. Massey's Jewelry store in Middletown on Tuesday, Feb. 4th.

FOR SALE.—Stock of general store in Middletown, Del., doing good business. Good reasons for selling. Lease will be assigned to purchaser. Possession at once. Address.
J. D. HAWKINS, Attorney,
Dover, Del.

Tribute to Mr. Clayton.

Called from Labor. Brother Henry Clayton, a Past Master of Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M., Middletown, Del.

On Saturday night, January 11th., at the hour of low Twelve, there came flashing over the wires from Baltimore the startling message, "Henry Clayton died this evening." For the third time within a twelve month, the grim messenger of death has come knocking at our doors and summoned away those we loved and whose memories we will ever cherish.

First, Rev. and Bro. Nicholas M. Browne was suddenly called away from the duties of his sacred office; next, Past Master J. Thomas Budd, after a lingering illness, peacefully and quietly as the shadows fall at evening tide, passed out into the great eternity, and now we are called to mourn the loss of Brother Past Master Henry Clayton, who has been stricken down by the hand of that inexorable enemy to whom all must yield sooner or later,

"Envious Death with his Gavel has felled him:
Plumb-line and Trowel are strewn o'er the land."

These oft repeated dispensations but serve to remind us that we too are mortal, and that in the midst of life we are in death, and the wisest cannot know what a day may bring forth. How soon death for us will be a reality none can tell.

"Our lives like rivers are passing free
To that unfathomed boundless sea, the silent grave:"

For, from the perennial springs of birth comes the river of life, flowing through childhood's sunny perfumed plains, and every wave that kisses verdant banks gives forth the murmur and laugh of joy. Past the enchanted fields of youth, romance and poetry, where golden sunbeams paint life's morning skies with rainbow tints of hope, leaping the precipice of middle life, it surges, beats and roars against the jagged rocks of opposition and defeat; then creeps with sluggish pace between the barren, sterile, ghostly fields of age into the voiceless ocean of eternity, where sceptred monarchs mingle their proud blood with that of slaves, and queenly robes brush the foul beggar's rags, and fame and glory, wealth and pomp and power are sunk beneath the waters of oblivion. So runs the river on, and human beings are but drops of water born along by the resistless tides of destiny.

All the tradegies of life, its struggles and its pains, that come to all these are but ripples on the river's face that spend their harmless force against the unresponsive shores. Their echoes die away, the river's surface smooths itself again and runs its course, pouring the ceaseless burden of sorrow, grief and joy into the ocean's common and insatiate grave.

The roll call of the dead, the silent answers of our brothers who are gone, the echoes of the voices that are hushed, bring to our eyes visions, not of shadowy forms, but beings instinct and full of life.

Again we feel the warm clasp of their hands, we hear their laughter, turning the air to joyous melody, the ir eyes beam on us still, full of light, and love and sympathy.

We see them in the stormy fields of life, fighing its battles with courageous hearts, catch a glimpse of their triumphant brows upon the summit of success, or standing disappointed, though not yet dismayed, but half way up the mountains rugged side.

Yet in it all we see the work of honest men, honestly striving as the light is given, honestly working to the limits of their strength, honestly failing, honestly succeeding, and as brave brothers, with undaunted hearts, accepting alike the laurel and the cross.

We meet them in the lodge-room, giving their time and energies for man unselfishly bearing the burdens and despairs of brothers, and generously reaching out the hand of sympathy to those who, worn out by the heat and burden of the day, have fallen in the race of life.

We follow them to the grave, and listen as the clods fall on their coffin lids to the requiem of sobs and tears.

We return to the silent homes, where aching hearts will ever feel the void of sorrow; to the lodge-room, where we miss the familiar face, and listen vainly for the voice forever stilled.

And yet, why should a single eye be dimmed? For, whether death is but the open portal that leads unto the golden streets of Paradise, or eternal dreamless sleep, or yet a new birth in better, purer forms of life, there is no cause for tears, the dead do not weep, and in death there is nothing terrible. To the Christian when the last hour comes, its herald is the angel form of peace, for He who is the resurrection and the life has robbed the grave of all its terrors. The living not the dead suffer pain, and we should look on the departed as a mariner whose bark has landed in a genial port.

Let us, then, emulate the example of our departed brother, remember his virtues, commemorate the good which he has done and in the grave of charity and forgetfulness bury his mistakes and faults.

So shall we live that, as we near the end, we may look with satisfaction on the past, and turn our eyes of confidence and hope toward the unexplored shore where brotherly hands are stretched across the chasm, to give again the fraternal grip of welcome and of love.

"There are no dead; the leaves may fall,
The flowers may fade and pass away,
They only wait through wintry hours.
The coming May:"

To the family of our deceased brother, we offer the tribute of our prayers, our sympathy and our tears, commending them to the protection and guidance of Him who is "a present help in time of trouble."

And it is ordered that a copy of this memorial be sent to the family of our dedeparted brother; that this paper, together with an account of all the ceremonies to the funeral obsequies, be spread upon the records of the Lodge, on a memorial page to be set apart and dedicated to the memory of our brother.

ALFRED G. COX,
L. DARLIGTON,
WM. W. BLACK, JR, } Committee.

Attest: A G. Cox, Secretary,
Middletown, Del., Jan. 23, 1896.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citizen's National Bank of Middletown, Delaware, held at the banking house this 21st day of January, 1896 the following preamble and resolutions were adopted.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in his wisdom has taken from us Mr. Henry Clayton, our late President:

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Clayton this bank has lost a faithful, zealous and intelligent officer, and one who has honorably filled, for a period of twenty-two years, the office of President. Mr. Clayton was a gentleman of most courteous and genial manners, whose advice and assistance in managing the affairs of this institution were invaluable to ourselves and to those interests we were chosen to represent.

Resolved, That the sincere sympathies of the members of this Board, and the officers of this bank, are hereby extended to his bereaved family in their hour of grief.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of our late President, and that they be entered upon the minutes and published in the local papers.

Signed, { JOSEPH BIGGS,
THOMAS CAVENDER,
CHARLES S. ELLISON,
Committee.

TOWNSEND TOPICS.

Presiding Elder Smith preached here on last Friday night.

The meetings have continued with considerable interest during the week.

Captain Wiggins has returned from an extended visit to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Frank Taylor and wife, of York, Pa., who have been visiting Mrs. Charles Hubbard, have returned home.

J. S. Lattomus has sold to the Railroad Company, three and half acres of ground, which the company will probably use for a Y for the use of the Queen Anne road, in place of using the turn table.

Messrs. G. M. D. and Edward Hart are furnishing the timber to be used in constructing the sluices, for the new mud road which is to take the place of the old St. Augustine bridge, near Port Penn.

About 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening a horse and carriage belonging to Mr. Fletcher Caulk of near Sassafras, was taken from under a hitching shed here. Diligent search was made all night. It was found in the morning hitched to a tree about a mile from town. A colored man was suspected and arrested and sent to New Castle on Wednesday.

Charles T. Harris.

Charles T. Harris, a wealthy Virginian, who went to Dover about ten years ago, died there on Monday, aged 80 years. He possessed $160,000 in various securities and large land holdings, and about two years ago was the subject of a notable law suit, brough by his niece, Miss Sara McPhail, of Philadelphia.

Upon coming to Dover, Mr. Harris employed a man named Butler as companion and nurse, and shortly after added a codicil to his will bequeathing Butler a large sum of money. When Miss McPhail came upon the scene Butler would not allow her to see her uncle, and she claimed that he had brought undue influence to bear upon the old man in his own favor. She applied to the Court, and Mr. Harris was declared of unsound mind. Some of the most eminent lawyers of the state were on the case. J. Frank Wilds was appointed trustee for Mr. Harris who was put in the care of a trained nurse. The interesting point now is whether the codicil to the will be counted valid. Miss McPhail will oppose it on the ground of Butler's influence.

FROM OLD SUSSEX.

Lockerman Smith, a well-known young man living near Bridgeville, has disappeared from his home and his friends are looking for him. He has been gone for over two weeks.

The Peninsula Horticultural Society will hold its next annual meeting in Milford.

Milton and Milford are having an epidemic of diphtheria.

The engagement is announced of Robert P. Davis, Esq. of Georgetown, and Miss Katie Humes, of Milford. The marriage will probably take place in the early spring.

Mr. A. J. Davenport

Impure Blood

Caused large Boils on my face and neck I was told to take Hood's Sarsaparilla faithful ly, and after using 3 bottles was free from all eruptions. I am perfectly cured and in excellent health. A. J. DAVENPORT, Milton, N. J.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable and do not purge, pain or gripe. Try a box. 25c.

Notice Dividend!

NEW CASTLE CO. NAT. BANK, OF ODESSA
ODESSA, DEL.,
January 1st, 1896.

The Directors have this day declared a Dividend of Three and one-half per cent, for the past six months, clear of taxes, and payable on and after the 8th, inst.

JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

Dividend Notice!

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.,
January 7th, 1896.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Three Per Cent. clear of taxes, payable to the stockholders on and after January 15th, 1896.

JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

Undertaker. Funeral Director.

J. H. EMERSON,

Has at his Furniture Store next door to the TRANSCRIPT in his large line, nothing nicer than a

LADY'S PARLOR DESK

Antique Oak, Polish Finish,

$5.00, $7,50, $8.00, $9.00.

Rugs from 90c to $2.50. Line of Hassocks 75c. A general line of Furniture and new goods every week.

J. H. Emerson,

Middletown, Del.

THE NEW YORK WORLD,

THRICE-A-WEEK EDITION.

18 PAGES A WEEK. 156 PAPERS A YEAR.

Is larger than any weekly or semi-weekly paper published and is the only important Democratic "weekly" published in New York City. Three times as large as the leading Republican weekly of New York City. It will be of special advantage to you during the **Presidential Campaign**, as it is published every other day, except Sunday, and has all the freshness of a daily. It combines all the news with a long list of interesting departments, unique features, cartoons and graphic illustrations, the latter being a specialty.

All these improvements have been made without any increase in the cost, which remains at one dollar per year.

We offer this unequaled newspaper and THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, together one year for

$1.75

The regular subscription price of the two papers is $2.00.

Dr. T. H. Gilpin Dr. J. C. Stites

SURGEON DENTISTS

Owing to increased facilities we will furnish full sets of teeth $2.00 cheaper than you can get elsewhere. Single sets in proportion.

... TEETH ...

EXTRACTED WITHOUT PAIN

by the use of Obtunder over which we have absolute control, and which is considered the safest in use, no sore mouth after extracting the teeth.

Teeth extracted with
NITROUS OXIDE GAS.

CROWN and BRIDGE WORK a SPECIALTY.

OFFICE: CORNER MAIN AND SCOTT STS MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

Martin B. Burris,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Offices Bayard Building, 9th and Market Streets, Wilmington, and North Broad Street, two doors above Anderson,

Middletown, - - Delaware.

Hugh C. Browne,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

Office Bayard Building, 9th and Market Sts., WILMINGTON, - DELAWARE

Wm. B. Sharp & Co

FOURTH and MARKET STS.

Wilmington, Del.

Commencing Wednesday morning we shall put on sale another lot of 45inch fine bleached Muslin, good for either pillow cases, sheets or underwear. They are regular 12½c qualities and we shall offer this lot same as before—8c per yard; also 1000 yards of extra heavy unbleached Muslin, 40 inches wide, regular 10c goods for 8c per yard; 1000 short length, 20 to 30-yard pieces of our regular 8c unbleached sheeting muslin, for 5c per yard.

Our stok-taking develops and overplus of Bed Spreads. They are in handsome Marseilles patterns, and will be closed out at the following reductions:

90c. ones for 75c
$1.00 ones for 85c.
$1.25 ones for 95c.
$1.50 ones $1.10.
$2.00 ones for $1.20:

We shall offer some remarkable bargains in order to reduce our stock of Napkins—there's 100 dozen colored bordered Doylies, all pure linen and extra heavy, which we shall sell for 50c per dozen, worth as much more; blue and gold borders only. One hundred and thirty dozen all white and red bordered Doylies all linen, regular $1 quality, for 75c per dozen.

Fringed Lunch Cloth 8-4 and 10-4 in size, all pure linen of the best German make, blue and red border, 70 and 80c each.

A fine quality Tu key red Table Cloth much reduced—

37½c grade for 25c,

and the 50, 65 and 75c qualities all to 37½c per yard.

One hundred dozen Cardinal Doylies, best oil boiled, and always $1.50 per dozen—this sale price, 60c per dozen; in plain, red, red and black borders and a small lot of red with white borders.

A splendid quality of all linen Napkins, twenty inches square, hemmed and ready for use. These goods were imported direct from Germany by us for outfitting a large restaurant, the proprietor of which died before the goods arrived. His name is woven in the goods, in white, their value is $2.50 per dozen, we shall sell them for $1.25; the wearing qualities are like iron, the patterns beautiful.

WM. B. SHARP & CO.

G. W. INGRAM, Middletown. S. M. ENOS, Odessa.

Ingram & Enos,

AUCTIONEERS,

Are prepared to call sales of Real Estate, Personal Property, &c., and guarantee to give satisfaction.

Call on or address, for terms, &c., either.

All business will receive prompt attention

Auctioneer!

I am prepared to call sales of Real Estate and Personal Property—Be glad to give prices or reference to any that are going to make a sale.

D. F. HUTCHISON,
dec 4-tf Townsend, Del.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD,

In at All Hours **Surgeon Dentist**

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

GRADUATE OF

The University of Pennsylvania,

With 8 Years Experience in Active Practice.

OFFICE AND RESIDENCE ON MAIN ST., OPPOS

TAKE

The Philadelphia Inquirer

More than 500,000 other people are reading it every day. They can't afford to miss it and neither can you. The Associated Press, the best service of special dispatches in the State and complete correspondence from the Lehigh Valley, the Schuylkill Valley, the Chester Valley, Central Pennsylvania and New Jersey, gives all the news in detail to Inquirer readers. Pages on sporting subjects, articles of special interest to women, real estate, financial and marine intelligence are thoroughly covered each day in The Inquirer

Then There's

The Sunday Inquirer

THE VERY BEST PAPER PUBLISHED ANYWHERE.

Contains contributions by all the leading authors, newsy letters from everywhere, carefully conducted departments on athletics—both amateur and professional, the stage, society, the clubs, secret societies, fraternal orders, music, literature, military matters, latest scientific inventions, etc.

A most popular feature of the Sunday Inquirer is a beautiful colored copy of some famous painting issued each week as an art supplement.

FOR SALE BY ALL NEWSDEALERS

Subscription Rates:

By mail postage paid to any part of the United States or Canada.

DAILY EDITION ONE CENT A COPY
SUNDAY EDITION FIVE CENTS A COPY
DAILY EDITION - $3.00 PER YEAR
SUNDAY DDITION $2.50 PER YEAR

Great Slaughter.

After taking an account of stock we find we still have an endless variety of the most beautiful fabrics offered in this or any other market, consisting of

FINE BLUE AND BLACK.

KERSEY OVERCOATS.

CHINCHILLAS, BEAVERS,
IRISH FRIEZE, MELTONS, ETC.
Also an enormous stock of

Men's, Youth's and Childern's Suits.

From which to make selections.

Now is your time to buy as we propose to put the knife into all these goods in order to make room for our Spring and Summer goods. Look at the extraordinary bargains we are offering.

1400 Men's Overcoats at $10, worth $20.
600 Boys' Overcoats at $5.00, worth $10.00.
2500 Men's Business Suits at $4.50, $5.00 and $6.00, formerly $10.00, $12.00 and $14.00
1000 Boys' Business Suits at $3.50, worth $7.00.
750 Children's Suits at $2.50, worth $5.00.

The same proportion of Reduction will be made in our Custom Department. Don't fail to call. We keep open Saturday evenings until 10 o'clock.

We also make a specialty of Uniforms of all kinds for Military, Band, Colleges and Boys Brigade purposes.

Samples sent on application.

Garitee & Son,

Tower Hall Clothing Bazaar, No. 518 Market Street, Philadelphia.

The Suit's Ruined

you may think, but if you send it to us we'll clean it in a way that will surprise and delight you.

A. F. BORNOT
French Scourer and Dyer

710 MARKET ST. WILMINGTON DEL

WANTED—AN IDEA Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their $1,800 prize offer.

Wanted--Salesmen. We want a few men to sell a Choice Line of Nursery Stock. We cannot make you rich in a month but can give you Steady Employment and will pay you well for it. Our prices correspond with the times. Write for terms and territory to

GRATEFUL—COMFORTING.

EPPS'S COCOA

BREAKFAST—SUPPER.

"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.* Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in half-pound tins, by Grocers, labelled thus:

JAMES EPPS & CO., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London, England.

Worried,

tired — overworked — sleeplessness — gloomy — nervous. Nervous prostration? No — Dyspepsia Indigestion. Dr. Deane's Dyspepsia Pills cure this sort of nervous prostration, and is almost the only medicine that will.

Dr. Deane's Dyspepsia Pills.

A sample will be mailed free for the asking. For sale at druggists', 25c. and 50c. White wrapper if constipated, yellow if bowels are loose.

DR. J. A. DEANE CO., Kingston, N. Y.

1831 THE CULTIVATOR 1896
AND
COUNTRY GENTLEMEN

THE BEST OF THE

....AGRICULTURAL WEEKLIES....

DEVOTED TO

Farm Crops and Processes, Horticulture and Fruit Growing, Live-Stock and Dairying,

While it also includes all minor departments of rural interest, such as the Poultry Yard, Entomology, Bee-Keeping, Greenhouse and Grapery, Veterinary Replies, Farm Questions and Answers, Fireside Reading, Domestic Economy and a summary of the News of the Week. Its Market Reports are unusually complete, and much attention is paid to the Prospects of the Crops, as throwing light upon one of the most important of all questions—*When to buy and when to sell.* It is liberally illustrated, and contains more reading matter than ever before. The subscription price is $2.50 per year, but we offer a SPECIAL REDUCTION in our

CLUB RATES FOR 1896

Two Subscriptions, in one remittance . . $ 4
Six " " " " " . . 10
Ten " " " " " . . 15

☞To all new subscribers for 1896, paying in advance now, we will send the paper weekly from our receipt of the remittance, to January 1st, 1896, without charge.

☞Specimen copies free. Address

LUTHER TUCKER & SON, Pubs.,
ALBANY, N. Y.

Lumber!

Hardware!

Mill Work!

Paints

Fencing Wires!

Coal, hard & soft.

Wood, ready sawed!

Building Lime!

Agricultural Lime!

Drain Tile!

&c., &c., &.

Large Variety Best Quality

Lowest Prices!

GEHUKILL,

Middletown, Del.

Stove... Repairs

A Specialty

...AT...

W. S. LETHERBURY'S

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

Roofing & Spouting

Promptly Attended to.

FIRE INSURANCE

FIRE OR LIGHTNING?

If not, if you will apply to one of the Ag'ts of the

...Kent County...

Mutual Insurance Co.,

You can obtain Insurance at Low Rates

This Company is Mutual, and you will only pay what the Insurance Costs, as any Amount in Excess of Cost will be Returned in Dividends or at Termination of Policy

Wm. DENNEY, Sec'y

D. B. MALONEY, Agent, Townsend — G. B. MONEY, Delaware

JOHN W. JOLLS,

Dealer in

The Wm. Lea & Sons Fancy Roller Flour and Patent

Mill Feed of all kinds, Seeds, Coal, Etc.

COAL COAL

Agents for WM. LEA & SONS Co., in the

PURCHASE OF GRAIN.

DR. LOBB'S BOOK FREE

To all sufferers of ERRORS OF YOUTH, LOST VIGOR and DISEASES OF MEN AND WOMEN. 336 pages; cloth bound; securely sealed and mailed *free*. Treatment by mail strictly confidential, and a positive, quick cure guaranteed. No matter how long standing, I will positively cure you. Write or call.

DR. LOBB 329 N. 15th St. Phila. Pa.
30 years' continuous practice.

BREAKFAST—SUPPER.

EPPS'S

GREATFUL—COMFORTING.

COCOA

BOILING WATER OR MILK.

Middletown Directory.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

President—G. W. W. Naudain; Secretary, W. S. Letherbury; S. S. Holten, Charles H. Howell, Geo. V. Peverley.

BANKS.

Peoples National Bank.—President, G. W. W Naudain; Cashier, Geo. D. Kelley; Teller, W. G. Lockwood. Bank Building on East Main Street.

Citizens' National Bank.—President, Henry Clayton; Cashier, John S. Crouch; Teller, L. Darlington. Bank Building on South Broad Street.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Major John Jones Post, No. 22, G. A. R. Meets every Friday night in Town Hall at 7 o'clock.

Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K. of P. Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

Lord Delaware Circle, No. 16, Brotherhood of the Union. Meets 1st and 3d Friday, McWhorter's Hall at 8 p. m.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 25. 1896

MIDDLETOWN MARKETS.

PRODUCE.

Creamery Butter, lb	25c
Country Butter, lb	18@20c
Eggs, doz	14@15c
Lard, lb	9c
White Potatoes, basket	20@25c
Apples, basket	45@50c
Chickens alive	8c
" dressed	10c
Ducks, alive	9c
" dressed	12c
Turkeys, "	12@15c

GRAIN.

Wheat, No. 1, bus	63c
Wheat, No. 2, bus	61c
Timothy Seed, bus	2 00
Clover Seed, bus	6 00
Corn, yellow, bus	29c
Corn, cob, bus	3qc
Oats, bus	18c

Of Interest .....To Farmers

Figuring the Cost.—The days of indefinite outlay and big returns have passed, even in California. The liberal westerner must count the cost. Not all realize this, however, as the San Francisco Chronicle found out when it asked its readers to send in formulas for computing the cost of farm products, and no one responded. But it goes on to argue strongly that the ascertainment of cost lies at the bottom of successful modern farming. Large farmers know their costs almost as closely as merchants, while small farmers, as a rule, know very little about them. They get out of their land what they can of whatever custom or impulse leads them to produce, sell it for what they can get, and trust to the Lord for the out come. Farmers producing on this plan for a distant market cannot survive. In horticulture the ascertaining of costs is exceedingly difficult, much more so than in merchandise. In fact the commerical horticulturist must be an able and better equipped man than the merchant, for he must know all that the latter knows about his product, and the art of producing it besides. He bears the risks of production, and proceeds in ignorance only at his own peril. He must also make his own estimates, not rely on those of others, which will surely mislead, from lack of some essential facts. He must know the cost of producing his own fruit, not that of other people's. Then if he cannot reduce it, and others can undersell him, he will know when to stop before being ruined.

A CRUEL PRACTICE.

No more cruel thing is thoughtlessly done, day after day, winter after winter, than the putting of a frosty bit into a horse's mouth. At least I try to think that only the thoughtless could be guilty of such an inhuman practice. Yet what child does not learn at an early age the penalty of contact between tender flesh and cold iron on a biting winter's day? Is it possible that any man whose baby fingers have clung to frozen iron until perhaps the skin was torn from them, can so far forget the sting as to force the same biting iron into the moist, tender mouth of a brute, as sensative to suffering as he himself? "Can't take time to warm bits;', "Only hurts a minute;" "They don't mind it;" "do hold them against the horse's body sometimes," are some of the excuses and makeshifts we hear but they are poor ones at the best. Whatever is worth doing well, and it really takes no extra time to thoroughly warm the horses' bits.

If the team is to be harnessed early in the morning, it must be fed before breakfast, and the bridles can be bought to the kitchen fire to grow warm and comfortable for the horses while the master is ministering to his own comfort.

Thoughtlessness causes the same suffering as heartless cruelty.

HORSE SENSE.

That a merciful man is merciful to his beast is not a new saying, and it comes from the best source of all true literature. On the selfish side of it we can add that he best looks out for his own interests who is looking out for the comfort and well being of the living things under his care.

A draught from a hygenic point is worse than actual exposure. Many a good horse has been crippled when standing where a stream of icy wind could pour upon him. Batten up the cracks in the stable tight, every one of them, even if ventilators must be put in the roof; and look after that roof; a drizzle or thawed snow is not conductive to health or growth.

We know not what kind of a procession will be brought up before us in the judgement day, when men are judged for their works in the flesh, whether they were good or whether they were evil; but it is too much even for this life that we can look back upon a procession of raw-boned horses, staggering cows, frozen combed chickens and starved cats and dogs. We see such every where.

The poultry on many farms are merely tramps—begging for a living and seeking a place to sleep. Farmers are beginning to realize that there is money in horses, cattle, sheep and hogs only if they are well taken care of. But poor biddy, she must sleep in the tree top amid snow and sleet unless she steals a more comfortable quarter, and this she frequently does, as many buggy tops testify. Prepare a cage before you catch the bird. We would do well to heed the above advice; prepare a poultry house before the chicks are hatched.

KEEPING APPLES.

Apples may be kept fresh and crisp the year around by keeping them in a cellar which is both dry and cool. If this cellar is well aired, dry and free from mold of all sorts, all that is needed is to place the fruit upon shelves or in shallow boxes, so that they will not touch one another; or if room be limited, wrap them each in paper. Or they can be kept in perfectly dry sand and kept from contact.

All fruits and vegetables should be carefully cleansed, or pealed, if to be eaten raw. Cellar mold on apples, although often not noticeable, onsists of more or less poisonous fungi. Physicians say they have traced cases of diptheria to the eating of such fruit.

Light hastens the ripening process. All winter apples should be gathered and placed in a dark place or covered. Apples gathered even as early as September keep much longer than those gathered later, and upon this early gathering depends the length of time that apples can be kept in good condition.

If asked the question "Have you got a stomach?" it would be safe on general principles, to answer "Yes." But, if you are sure it; that is, if you ever feel any distress after eating or any pains of whatever description in the region of the stomach, you have got something more than an ordinary stomach; in other words, you have got a diseased stomach. The stomach is a powerful muscle, and the proper remedy for a tired muscle is rest. Try the Shaker Digestive Cordial, for this product not only contains digested food, which will nourish the system without any work on the part of the diseased organs, but it aids the digestion of other foods as well. You can test its value in your case for the trifling um of 10 cents. Samples bottles at this price are carried by all druggists.

Laxol is the best medicine for children Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

Beggar—Beg pardon, sir, but I have seen better days than this. Passer by—So have I. The weather is horrid.

Make Yourself Strong

If you would resist pneumonia, bronchitis, typhoid fever, and persistent coughs and colds, these ills attack the weak and run down system. They can find no foothold where the blood is kept pure, rich and full of vitality, the appetite good and digestion vigorous, with Hood's Sarsaparilla, the one true blood purifier.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, constipation, biliousness, jaundice, sick headache.

"Watts, you know something about this Transvaal affair, don't you?"

"I though I did until I tried to tell my wife something about it."

A disgruntled subscriber writes: "Mr. Editor—I like your paper generally—likewise yourself—you deserve much of my respect. Nevertheless, cross from your dazzling list of subscribers my humble name or stop printing those blinders of Dr. Pierce. I know him by heart—his medicines are O. K. I had the sickest liver that ever was sick and lived, and his 'Pellets' straightened out its crooks.

My wife, sister, children, cousins, aunts and uncles, have all been strengthened by 'the mystery of their magic.' I am truly grateful; but when I sit down to read one of 'Napoleon Bonaparte's Jokes' or 'An Irishman Crossing the Alps,' must I have to blunder into the old story of how 'Pierce's Pleasant Pellets' are purely vegetable and antibilious, pleasant to the taste—cure sick headache, relieve torpid liver and always give satisfaction?"

"Ella," said Marion, as they were seated on the veranda of their country house, "I went fishing with George this morning."

"Did you? What did you catch?"

"I caught George."

How's This!

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O.

We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.

West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O., Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Scratching and Swearing

only increase the irritation and heat the blood. What the skin needs is a cooling, healing application that brings comfort to body and mind, and which at the same time has strength enough to penetrate a clogged skin and to dissolve the scales of Eczema and Dandruff.

FOSTER'S

German Army and Navy Cure

is the only perfect preparation of this kind. It will cure Eczema, Tetter, Itch, Salt Rheum, Dandruff, Itching Piles, Ring Worm, Pimples, Blotches and other diseases of the skin. Sometimes it will cure in a few days—sometimes it takes longer—but the cure is certain and permanent. There is no question about it. It has been proven times without number.

50 cents—all drug stores.

FOSTER MEDICINE COMPANY, BALTIMORE, MD.

FOSTER'S GERMAN ARMY AND NAVY CATARRH CURE cures Catarrh, Hay Fever, Cold in the Head and all inflammation of the nasal passages—50c.

Our Woman's .....Column

ONE but housekeepers know how very little of their money is really spent on themselves. Most certainly every wife should have her private purse, for, as a wretched woman said only the day, "I would rather go without dinner for a week, or a dress for ayear, than go to my husband on Saturday morning with the books. He is always wanting extra delicacies at table, and then because the butcher's bill is several dollars more this week than it was last week. I vainly remind him he insisted on having sweetbreads on Tuesday and fillet on Friday, and that that has made the difference; but he cannot, or will not see it, and grumbles and hagges until he makes me quite ill, and then he pays the book, leaving me with a few dimes for 'current expenses' till the next Saturday. He ordered some wood the other day for which one dollar had to be paid at the door. He forgot to leave me the money, and when cook brought the bill I did not the dollar, and had to borrow that sum from her. Oh, the humilation of it!" And her eyes filled with tears as she spoke. That man's income is probably $4,000 or $5,000 a year, and his wife has to borrow $1 from her own servant for firewood!

Such a husband ought to be ashamed of himself—he degrades himself, he lowers and harasses his wife. Let him go seriously into the subject of his income, decide how it is to be portioned off, hand the wife over her monthly allowance, and never discuss a bill or a butcher with her again. It is to her interest to do her best, and she is certain to do it, and life will be made brighter for both accordingly. Yes; let the wife have her allowance. Trust her, and she will never deceive, praise her when she does well, and she will always try to do better, but dole out the shillings to her grudgingly and she will try to cheat you in the pennies, not from wickedness, but because her pride will not let her own to her dearest friend that she actually has not the nickle to pay the 'bus fare! Trust is very seldom misplaced between a husband and wife, while suspicion and prying on either side often end in serious trouble, and the less unpleasant subjects, such as money, are discussed the more likely the man and woman are to jog along merrily.

***

HOME WITHOUT SLIPPER.

He had taken off his boots and was down on his hands and knees in the room searching for something, when his wife noticed him.

"What are you looking for, William?" she asked.

"My slippers," he replied.

"Oh, I gave those old things away to-day," she said.

"You gave them away!" he repeated, and then he added solemnly: "Mrs. Miffler, are you trying to drive me away from home?"

"Oh course not. I"——

"What is home without Slippers?" he interrupted. "What is an evening an home with heavy boot on your feet? Mrs. Miffler, what do you think constitutes home?"

"Why, you can get another pair," she protested.

"Of course I can," he exclaimed. "I can get a new pair of stiff-soled slippers and spend thirty days breaking them in."

"The others were torn, and"——

"That's why I liked them! They were comfortable. When I got them on things seemed homelike. I was settled for the evening, and a four-horse team could not get me out again. But now-now I am ready for the club or theatre, or any old place. Slippers, Mrs. Miffler, help me to make the difference between the home and the office, and old slippers make the difference greatest."

"I can't see why"—

"Of course you can't. No woman ever can; but I tell you, if I were running things I'd make every woman take a course in slippers. That's what is needed more than sufferage or anything else in that line. Just slippers—nothing but slippers."

He got up stamped around the room in his stockinged feet for a minute or two, and then put on his boots again.

"This isn't home," he said bitterly. "It isn't a bit like it. I'm going to the club."

***

In roasting a turkey slow cooking is desirable. Frequent basting also improves it. The time required for roasting a young turkey is fifteen minutes to every pound.

***

The wise cook finds many uses for left-over portions of cold rice. She adds it to soup or makes it into croquettes. As a luncheon dish it may be mixed with chopped meat and eggs and fried like an omelet.

***

A Delicious Apple Pudding is made from alternate layers of bread crumbs and apples, sliced very thin, seasoned with nutmeg, sugar and butter and baked slowly to a delicate brown.

***

It is the suggestion of a thrifty woman that pieces of children's dresses of wash materials should be included in several launderings to secure the requisite change of color that will make patches unnoticeable.

No Wonder!

"His teeth he still did grind
And grimly gnash." —*Spencer*

For he suffered all the agonizing tortures of dyspepsia. In the morning his eyes were dim and bloodshot, a horrible nausea was experienced, food was to him revolting and yet a gnawing craving for food pervaded the whole system. His heart palpitated violently after the least exertion. Hope had nearly left him when he read of the marvelous cures effected by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. He hurried to the drug store, bought a bottle and the effects were so satisfactory that he now gnashes his teeth when he thinks of the agonies he might have prevented, had he used "G. M. D."

A Sweeping Offer

100,000 COPIES Given Away!

EVERY SUBSCRIBER TO THE

AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST

—AND—

MIDDLETOWN

TRANSCRIPT

OLD OR NEW

Whose subscription for 1896 is immediately forwarded us, together with the combination price for both papers, one year each.

FOR ONLY $1.75

will receive in adddition the 500 Page Book entitled

The American Agriculturist

Weather Forecasts AND Farmers' Almanac

CONTAINING STATISTICS ON

AGRICULTURE, RAILROADS, SCHOOLS
POLITICS, WEATHER,
CITIES, COUNTIES, STATES, COUNTRIES, PEOPLE, ANIMALS,
BIRDS, INSECTS,

—AND A—

THOUSAND THINGS HOUGHTFUL HINKERS } Would Never Think of

Until they consulted this giant of useful information. It is an up-to-date Manual for everybody.

500 PAGES, 10,000 FACTS, 1,000 Topics.

The Greatest of all Encyclopædic Annuals. It is a manual of Comprehensiveness as well as Cheapness It is practical, Thorough, Comprehensive and Concise

Complete and Condensed Information on popular lines

Weather Forecasts for the year 1896 by Prof. Chas. H. Lillingstone, son-in-law, pupil and assistant to the late Prof. John H. Tice, the admitted discoverer of the electro-planetary system, upon which weather forecasts are based

ACCURACY

Is The Keynote of all Information. Do not jump at conclusion. There is a way to know everything. Avoid mistakes by consulting this superior book of reference. Its popularity proves its merits. Tells You What You Want To Know, Just When You Want To Know It. Almost Autmatic. Unrivaled. Unequalled. Invaluable.

An Encyclopædic Almanac with a Complete Summary of Information concerning matters Statistical, Official, Political, Historical, Educational, Agricultural, likewise Religious Facts and General Information for Office, Home and farm

AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST

An Ideal Farm and Family Weekly.

To extend its usefulness and make it a practical necessity to every progressive farmer and and his family, the *American Agriculturist* is now published weekly (instead of monthly) a

Only $1 a Year.

All the Leading Features that have made the monthly so popular are retained and many new features added: such as General and Local Market Prices, Crop Reports in their Season, Condensed Farm News, and Letters Among the Farmer

ITS FARM FEATURES

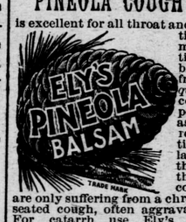
Such as Live Stock, Dairying, Horticulture, poultry, Market Gardening, and other topics, written by Prattical and Successful Farmers, supplemented with Illustratiens by able artists, combine to make in invaluable to those who "farm for a living."

The Latest Markets and Comerical Agriculture are Leading Features, In which the *Agriculturist* is not excelled.

Offer Extraordinary.

Remember, we furnished the *American Agriculturist* and our paper one year each, also the Book containing 500 pages of useful information for everybody, for only $1.75. Address. Middletown Transcript.

PINEOLA COUGH BALSAM



is excellent for all throat and lung inflammations and for asthma. Consumptives will invariably derive benefit from its use, as it *quickly* abates the cough, renders expectoration easy, assisting nature in restoring wasted tissues. There is a large percentage of those who suppose their cases to be consumption who are only suffering from a chronic cold or deep seated cough, often aggravated by catarrh. For catarrh use Ely's Cream Balm. Both remedies are pleasant to use. Cream Balm, 50c. per bottle; Pineola Balsam, 25c. at Druggists. In quantities of $2.50 will deliver on receipt of amount.

ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St, N Y

BANG!

How is this for a shot at prices?

CLUB or RIVAL LOADED SHELLS

Guaranteed, carefully packed 25 in a box, 500 in a case,
12 gauge, $1.25 per 100
10 " 1.40 "

Our No. 900

BREECH LOADING SHOT GUN

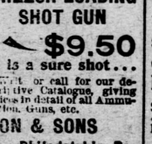
$9.50

It is a sure shot...

Write or call for our descriptive Catalogue, giving prices in detail of all Ammunition, Guns, etc.

J. B. SHANNON & SONS

1020 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

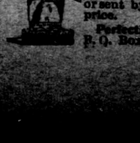


Since 1861 I have been a sufferer from catarrh. I tried Ely's Cream Balm and to all appearances am cured. Terrible headaches from which I had long suffered are gone.—W. J. Hitchcock, Late Major U. S. Vol. & A. A. Gen Buffalo, N. Y.

CATARRH

Ely's Cream Balm Opens and cleanses the nasal Passages, Allays Pain and Inflammation, Heals the sores, Protects the Membrane from colds, Restores the senses of Taste and Smell. The Balm is applied directly into the nostrils, is quickly absorbed and gives relief at once. Ely's Pineola Balsam is a sure cure for Coughs, Colds, &c. Price of Cream Balm, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail.

ELY BROS. 56 Warren St., N.Y.



Something New

An exquisite dentrifice in a perfect package. Instantly deposited on the brush exactly as you want it by simply moving a finger. Time and Powder Saved! Price 25 cents. Sold by druggists or sent by mail on receipt of price.

Perfection Tooth Powder Co. P. O. Box 888, Sta. S, Phila., Pa

ASK FOR KABO No. 352

We recommend them, as they fit like a glove.

Price $1.00.

J. B. MESSICK.

There is one DRESS STAY that Won't melt apart, Can't cut through the dress, Don't stay bent.

It is BALL'S PEERLESS.

All lengths; all colors.

Ask at your Dry Goods Store for them.

H. L. Evans & Co

BANKERS.

Stock, Bond and Grain Brokers

MARKET AND EIGHTH STS.,

Wilmington, Delaware

ORDERS for the purchase and sale of Wheat, Corn, Provisions, etc., executed on Chicago and New York Exchanges and carried on favorable terms. Orders for Stocks and Bonds executed on all the leading Exchanges. Private telegraph wires and long distance telephone in our office.

Correspondence Solicited.

1896. THE SUN. 1896

BALTIMORE, MD.

THE PAPER OF THE PEOPLE,

FOR THE PEOPLE AND WITH THE PEOPLE.

Honest in Motive.
Fearless in Expression.
Sound in Principle.
Unswerving in its Allegiance to Right Theories and Right Practices.

THE SUN publishes all the news all the time, but it does not allow its columns to be degraded by unclean, immoral or purely sensational matter.

Editorially, THE SUN is the consistent and unchanging champion and defender of popular rights and interests against political machines and monopolies of every character. Independent in all things, extreme in none. It is for good laws, good government and good order.

By mail Fifty Cents a month, Six Dollars a year.

The Baltimore Weekly Sun.

The WEEKLY SUN publishes all the news of each week, giving complete accounts of all events of interest throughout the world. As an Agricultural paper The WEEKLY SUN is unsurpassed. It is edited by writers of practical experience, who know what farming means and what farmers want in an agricultural journal. It contains regular reports of the work of the Agricultural experiment stations throughout the country, of the proceedings of farmers' clubs and institutes, and the discussion of new methods and ideas in agriculture. Its Market Reports, Poultry Department and Veterinary column are particularly valuable to country readers. Every issue contains stories, poems, household and puzzle Columns, a variety of instructive selected matter and other features, which make it a welcome visitor in city and country homes alike.

One dollar a year. Inducements to getters-up of club for the Weekly Sun. Both the Daily and Weekly Sun mailed free of postage in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Payment invariably in advance. Address

A. S. ABELL COMPANY,
Publishers and Proprietors,
Baltimore, Md.

Chichester's English Diamond Brand.

PENNYROYAL PILLS

Original and Only Genuine.

SAFE, Always reliable. LADIES ask Druggist for *Chichester's English Diamond Brand* in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. *Refuse dangerous substitutions and imitations.* At Druggists, or send 4c. in stamps for particulars, testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Name Paper. Chichester Chemical Co., Madison Square, Sold by all Local Druggists. Philada., Pa.

GEO. L. JONES,

102 W. EIGHTH STREET

Wilmington, - Del.

Designer and Manufacturer of ...ARTISTIC...

MEMORIALS

—IN—

MARBLE and GRANITE

We aim to, and do, give you the best and most original designs, independent of all other dealers, as it costs no more to have the latest and best designs, which is greatly to your interest. Estimates furnished on application and visits made to the country upon notification.

GEO. L. JONES,

Wilmington, - Delaware

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM

Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases & hair falling. 50c. and $1.00 at Druggists

HINDERCORNS.

The only sure Cure for Corns. Stops all pain. Ensures comfort to the feet. Makes walking easy. 15cts. at Druggists.

NOTICE TO Poultry Raisers and Gunners!

HIGHEST CASH PRICE PAID FOR

Live and Dressed Poultry

GAME, EGGS and SQUABS,

EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK.

GREEN BROS.,

ODESSA DEL.

Time Tables.

Phila. Wilm. and Baltimore R. R.

DELAWARE DIVISION

On and after Nov. 18, 1895, trains will leave as follows:

SOUTHWARD.

	EXP. P. M.	PAS. A M.	EXP. A. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL P. M.	MA'L P M
Philadelphia	11 16	‡7 25	‡10 20	‡2 02	‡3 46	‡5:50
Baltimore	6.45	6 25	8 50	12 05	3.00	5:27
Wilmington	12 01	8 13	11 03	2 50	4 27	6:53
Farnhurst		f 8.22		f 2 58		f 4.18
New Castle		8 27		3 03		7:06
State Road		f8 33		f 3.08		f7:11
Bear		f8.38		f 3.13		7:16
Porter		8 45			4 51	7:23
Kirkwood		8 50	a11 33	f 3.22		7:28
Mt. Pleasant		8.59		f 3.31		f7:36
Armstrong		f 9 03				7:40
Middletown	12.44	9 08	11 49	3.40	5 16	7:46
Townsend		9 17		f 3.48	5.25	7:54
Blackbird		f 9.22		f 3.52		f7:59
Gr'n Spring		f 9.27		f 3.58		8:05
Clayton	1 02	9 33	12 06	4.05	5 37	8:10
Smyrna, LV		9 23	11.56	3.52	5 27	8:00
Brenford		f9.38		f 4.10		f8:15
Cheswold		f9.43		f 4.15		f8:21
Dupont				f 4.18		
Dover	1 20	9.54	12.22	4 25	5 56	8:31
Wyoming	a 1.27	10.01	f12 28	4.31	6.02	8:37
Woodside		f10 08		f 4 37		
Viola		f10 12		f 4.41		
Felton	a 1.40	10 17	f12 39	4.46	6.14	
Harrington	1.50	10 32	12.53	5.02	6.24	
Farmington		f10 40	a 1.00		f 6.32	
Greenwood		f10.48	a 1.07		f 6.40	
Bridgeville	a 2.14	10.56	f 1.15		6.49	
Cannons		f11 01			f 6.54	
Seaford	2.26	11 11	1 26		7.02	
Laurel	a 2.38	11.22	f 1 36		7.13	
Delmar	2.50	11.32	1 46		7.24	
		a. m.	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M.
Delmar	11.08			‡8.05	‡2 26	‡3.45
Laurel	f 1.21			8.18	2.36	3.56
Seaford	1.34			8.29	f 2 46	4.10
Cannons				f 8.37		f 4.18
Bridgeville	p 1.48			8.43	f 2 58	4.25
Greenwood				f 8.51		f 4.33
Farmington				f 8.59		f 4.41
Harrington	2.22		8.05	9 13	3.20	4.52
Felton	2.32		8.14	9.22	f 3.30	5:01
Viola			f8.18	f 9 27		f 5:05
Woodside			f8 22	f 9 31		f 5:09
Wyoming	2.44	‡7 00	f8 29	9.38	f 3 41	5:16
Dover	2.50	7 05	8.35	9.45	3 47	5:23
Dupont		f7.10				
Cheswold		f7.16		f 9.57		f 5:32
Brenford		f7.21		f10 02		f 5:36
Smyrna, LV		7.16	8 42	9 58	3 52	5:27
Clayton	3.06	7 26	8.52	10.08	4.02	5:41
Gr'n Spring		f7.30				f 5:46
Blackbird		f7.36		f10.17		f 5:52
Townsend		7.41	9 06	10 22	4.15	5:57
Middletown	3.29	7.51	9 15	10 31	4 24	6:06
Armstrong		f7.55				f 6:10
Mt Pleasant		7.59		f10 39		6:14
Kirkwood		8.03		10.47		6:25
Porter		8.15	9 34	10.52	4.41	6:30